

REMARKS

The rejections of various claims over prior art are respectfully traversed. All the claims now contain the limitations of Claim 6, not subject to these rejections. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 17-20 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection would now appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The rejection of Claims 11-13 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the description requirement, is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the rejection would now appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be withdrawn.

The objection to the specification is respectfully traversed. Indeed, the objection would now appear to be moot in view of the above-discussed amendment. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the objection be withdrawn.

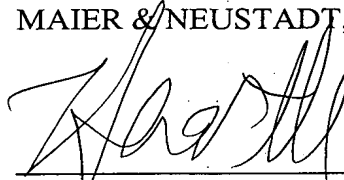
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All of the presently pending and active claims in this application are now believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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